

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER Middle District of Florida

The current four-year term of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Florida will conclude on 29 February 2008. Because the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit received fewer than four qualified applicants for this position, the Court is reopening the application process for the position and invites applications from qualified applicants. Minimum qualifications include five years active criminal law practice, significant supervisory experience, and active membership in a bar association of any state, the District of Columbia, or the Virgin Islands. The current salary is \$145,300.

To qualify for appointment as Federal Public Defender applicants must:

- a. be active members in good standing of at least one state bar or the District of Columbia or the Virgin Islands and must be members in good standing of any bar of which they are members;
- b. have engaged in the active practice of criminal law for a period of at least five years, preferably with significant federal criminal trial and appellate experience;
- c. possess the ability to effectively administer a Federal Public Defender's office;
- d. have a reputation for:
 - (1) integrity and good character;
 - (2) sound physical and mental health;
 - (3) commitment to equal justice under law and vigorous representation of his or her clients;
 - (4) outstanding legal ability and competence (evidenced by substantial legal experience, ability to deal with complex legal problems, aptitude for legal scholarship and writing, and familiarity with courts and court processes);
- e. have a commitment to the vigorous representation of those unable to afford counsel; and
- f. at the time of the initial appointment, not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals or to a judge of the district court to be served, within the degree specified in Title 28, United States Code, Section 458.

Applications are available on the Court's website at www.call.uscourts.gov, from the Clerk of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Clerks of the District Courts in the Eleventh Circuit, and from the Circuit Executive's Office. Applications should be submitted in confidence to the Circuit Executive's Office, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 56 Forsyth Street, NW, Room 304, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, not later than 14 December 2007. The United States Courts are equal opportunity employers.